

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NEW DE 14133 221108Z

17

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W

----- 074371

R 221050Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4689

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 14133

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, US

SUBJECT: STATEMENTS ON INDIA'S NUCLEAR POLICY

REF: A. STATE 226572

B. NEW DELHI 13859

C. NEW DELHI 13860

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE OCTOBER 14 MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MPS P.V.G. RAJU AND KRISHAN KANT. BOTH AGREE THAT PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING WERE ACCURATE. RAJU REPORTED THAT SETHNA DID TELL THE GROUP THAT INDIA HAS THE CAPACITY AND TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD A WEAPON, BUT HAS NOT DONE SO. RAJU ALSO CONFIRMED THAT ENERGY MINISTER PANT SAID THE DECISION TO DETONATE ANOTHER DEVICE HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE SCIENTISTS. KANT, WHO OPENLY ADVOCATES A WEAPONS PROGRAM FOR INDIA, AGREED WITH RAJU'S COMMENTS AND SAID THE MINISTER DID NOT OFFER ANY INDICATION THAT A WEAPONS PROGRAM WAS UNDERWAY.

2. COMMENT: WE STRONGLY DOUBT THAT THE DECISION TO DETONATE THE NEXT DEVICE HAS BEEN LEFT COMPLETELY UP TO THE SCIENTISTS. FROM THE GOI'S POINT OF VIEW, HOWEVER, IT IS A GOOD LINE TO PROPAGATE AND ENTIRELY IN KEEPING WITH THE PUBLIC GOI POSITION THAT FUTURE TESTING WILL PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. SETHNA ASSURED ME YESTERDAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NEW DE 14133 221108Z

TESTING UNTIL APRIL OR THEREABOUTS BECAUSE THE PREVAILING WINDS

MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF PAKISTAN UNTIL THAT SEASON.
MOYNIHAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic DecapTIONing: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NUCLEAR ENERGY, PRESS COMMENTS, POLICIES, NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 OCT 1974
DecapTION Date: 28 MAY 2004
DecapTION Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974NEWDE14133
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740300-0919
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741027/aaaaawuh.tel
Line Count: 63
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: A. STATE 226572
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 MAR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <16-Aug-2002 by izenbei0, 3.4.X6>; RELEASED <06 MAR 2003 by shawdg>; APPROVED <06 MAR 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STATEMENTS ON INDIA'S NUCLEAR POLICY
TAGS: PARM, US, IN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005